

FISCAL NOTE

HB 2251 - SB 2405

March 16, 2000

SUMMARY OF BILL: Creates a pilot project in Bradley, Polk, McMinn, Monroe counties to provide the services of guardians ad litem, including nonlawyer guardians ad litem, to represent the interest of abused, neglected, or dependent juveniles. The program would consist of volunteer guardians ad litem, a program attorney and a program coordinator who would be full-time state employees. The Administrative Office of the Courts shall monitor this pilot project and report to the General Assembly by October, 2001. The bill appropriates \$99,000 to fund the project for one year.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

**Increase State Expenditures - \$94,100 Recurring
\$10,000 One-time**

Provides for program attorney and program coordinator positions and associated operating costs including one time cost to provide equipment and related items necessary for the establishment of the two positions.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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